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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

At filing of the application, Applicant submitted five references in the International Search Report. Two of the references were not in English.

Attached are abstracts of French Publication 2 715 016 and German Publication 44 00 683.

Also enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent 5,023,929 cited at page 1 of Applicant's U.S. specification.

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MEMORANDUM

FR-A-2 715 016

A monitor captures environmental noise and compares it with the output signal of an internal reference tuner. Storing of the noise samples themselves is not considered, and no method for pretreatment of the hearing samples is proposed.

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A portable monitor captures hearing samples and stores them for later evaluation for audience research purposes. From the samples, two sets of characterizing data are derived, one set comprising the weight coefficients for a set of predefined frequencies, the other set obtained by computing a first mean values sequence, rectifying the result and performing a 2^{nd} mean value computation, e.g. over groups of 100 values. Both characterizing values series are presented as necessary for safe recognition of a possibly heard program.

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